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Southern Crossing Exercise

Photo Opportunity and Media Availability

Federal radiological response teams from the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), the Environmental Protection Agency, the States of Alabama, Georgia, and Florida, and other federal and local emergency responders will participate from August 14 through August 18 in a radiological exercise near Dothan, Alabama. The five-day exercise is named Southern Crossing.

A media tour of the exercise location will provide an inside look at how local, state and federal resources work together in response to a radiological emergency. Media members will get a demonstration on how environmental samples from a three-state area are collected and analyzed. While radiation is simulated for the exercise, this behind-the-scene look will showcase how mobile laboratories from the States of Georgia, and Florida, as well as the EPA, work. See first-hand how raw data is assessed and turned into understandable maps and information products used by decision-makers to protect public health and safety. After the tour, there will be an opportunity for one-on-one interviews with key representatives.

WHAT: Tour, Photo Opportunity, and One-on-One Interviews

WHEN: Tuesday, August 15, 10:00 a.m. (CST)

WHERE: Houston County Farm Center, Exhibit Building 11
701 East Cottonwood Road, Dothan, Alabama

Due to controlled access to the facilities during the exercise, media representatives are requested to **R.S.V.P** by calling one of the contacts listed above.